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Dear Dr. Rhoades:

This letter follows my recent telegram to you requesting the active participation of the Indian Health Service in establishing a health profile for the Pueblo of Laguna so that we may determine the extent, if any, of impacts on the residents of the Pueblo as well as former miners by virtue of the open-pit uranium production activities on our lands. Despite numerous meetings with you, your Area and Service Unit representatives we have yet to receive a response or any recommendations from the Indian Health Service. The enclosed Resolution (No. 49-84) recently adopted by the Pueblo of Laguna Council expresses the position of the Pueblo. With all due respect for your position, your tasks include responding the requests from the various Indian tribes. I am deeply disappointed at the lack of responsiveness on the part of several federal agencies that should be involved in the development of the environmental impact statement on the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. If IHS cannot participate for whatever reason, I would appreciate a written response so that the Pueblo may pursue an alternative course of action. By the same token, if IHS will actively participate in our major environmental health concern, please advise as to how we may work together.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

PUEBLO OF LAGUNA

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